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SUBJ: NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE FOR PORTUGAL

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1. REFTEL (B) REQUESTED INFORMATION ON NARCOTICS TRAFFIC VIA
PORTUGAL TO U.S. REFTEL (C), BEING REPEATED TO DEPARTMENT,
CONTAINS REPLY BASED ON INFORMATION FROM FILES OF MADRID DEA
OFFICE.

2. REGARDING PORTUGAL'S INTERNAL DRUG SITUATION, EMBASSY BE-
LIEVES THAT PREVENTION AND TREATMENT CANNOT ALONE SOLVE PROB-
LEM. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT GOP EFFORT TO MOVE SEPARATELY BUT
SIMULTANEOUSLY IN ENFORCEMENT AS WELL AS PREVENTION/TREATMENT.

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3. WITH REFERENCE TO PORTUGAL'S ROLE AS INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC POINT, EMBASSY FEELS THAT CASES DETAILED REFTEL (C) PROBABLY REPRESENT ONLY SAMPLE OF EXISTING TRAFFIC. EVEN BEFORE 1974 REVOLUTION, PORTUGUESE POLICE AND CUSTOMS UNITS HAD NO EXPERTISE IN INTERDICTION AND CONTROL. THEIR EFFECTIVENESS HAS BEEN EVEN FURTHER CURTAILED BY COMPLETE DISRUPTION OF SECURITY APPARATUS. PORTUGAL IS, LITERALLY, ALMOST WIDE-OPEN TO NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS. TO THIS CAN BE ADDED ITS LOCATION BETWEEN AFRICAN/MIDDLE EASTERN SOURCES AND EUROPEAN/AMERICAN MARKETS, AND THE GREATLY INCREASED TRANSPORT LINKS ESTABLISHED SINCE THE 1974 REVOLUTION.

4. EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT TRAFFIC THROUGH PORTUGAL SHOULD HIT HIGH GEAR BEFORE USG EXTENDS WHAT IS, AFTER ALL, SMALL-SCALE ASSISTANCE. THE PRECENTION IS LIKELY TO COST A LOT LESS THAN THE CURE.
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